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# The Sun

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According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Nancy Bowles Buckner, 46, was alone in her car, traveling

north on a private drive on Duda Packing Company road when she failed to negotiate a curve. Her 1989 Ford went over a grassy area and into the canal.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Detective Jason Redd said Brown, of 626 S.W. Seventh Street was traveling east on Avenue E when Jacques Pierre Noel, 51, of Belle Glade turned in front of him in his 1984 Datsun. Police say witnesses

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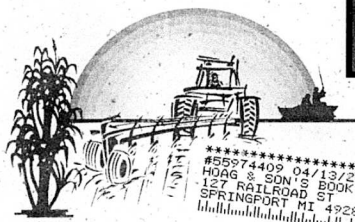
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Health Fair A Health and Safety Fair is planned for June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belle Glade Fire Department.

Glades Relay for Life May 19-20 The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held on May 19-20 at the Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Farm Safety Day Camp The Palm Beach County Extension Service will be conducting a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp on May 20 at Rardin Park in Pahokee.

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# ER Chronicles: She was waiting for the next explosion



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

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Mindy really enjoyed that dinner at her favorite steakhouse. She went home feeling full, satisfied. Her satisfaction only lasted about three hours.

The cramping in her belly awakened her before midnight. She tossed and turned for 30 minutes, then made a mad dash for the bathroom. Up it came. She tried to lie back down, but found herself running for the bathroom again within a few minutes. This time it was flowing from both ends.

Mindy thought she felt better, and stumbled back to the bed. This only lasted 10 minutes. Now this foul liquid was coming from everywhere. How

could all of this even have been inside of her?

Stagger back to bed; hurry back to the bathroom. Fall onto the bedcovers; trip back to the bathroom.

Finally, just lie on the bathroom floor, moaning, waiting for the next explosion.

By 4:00 A.M., Mindy was wheeled.

She was dizzy during the drive to the hospital, and managed to produce more for the bucket she carried with her.

Mindy was reeling as she moved through a quiet ER Waiting Room. The triage nurse stood to help her make it to the chair.

She was pale, weak. She shook her head slowly side-to-side, and motioned with limp hands toward her abdomen.

The nurse wheeled Mindy toward an ER bed as more information was gathered, then motioned to the emergency physician.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez. Tammy Cortez didn't like working the night shift, but everyone had to take their turn. She fought back a yawn as she tried to focus on Mindy's complaints. 'When did this start?'

"About midnight," Mindy's weak voice was barely audible.

The nurse had returned with a bag of IV fluid and a needle, and a nod from Cortez confirmed the need for intravenous fluids.

Cortez obtained enough information to become suspicious about the origins of this illness. A dietitian examined Mindy's mouth with a light and her abdomen with her hands.

"So, you felt fine last evening when you ate, and then this all started about three or four hours later? Vomiting and diarrhea?"

"Uh huh," Mindy rubbed her belly. The nurse handed her a basin. She made use of it.

"And you didn't see any

blood?"

"No," she whispered between wretches.

By now, the emergency nurse had successfully started the IV line, and, after confirming that Mindy was not pregnant, injected the medication for vomiting into the IV.

"Mindy, we'll run a few blood tests and we'll send a stool specimen to the lab, just to make sure this isn't something unusual, but I think you're probably suffering from a form of food poisoning," Cortez patted Mindy's knee. "We'll get you feeling better."

Mindy closed her eyes. She didn't know how she could possibly feel any worse. "Better" was the only way to go from here.

Every few minutes, the nurse returned to Mindy's bedside, rechecked her pulse and blood pressure, and inquired as to how she felt. It wasn't until after the second liter bag of IV

fluid had flowed into her weak body that Mindy finally admitted to a slight improvement.

By 6:30 A.M., Cortez approached.

"Doing a little better, Mindy?"

"I think so," Mindy said cautiously. "I haven't vomited for an hour and a half now."

"Your color looks a bit better, too," Cortez rechecked Mindy's abdomen with both hands. "If this stays under control, we'll be able to let you go home in a little while."

"Was it the food?"

"Probably a toxin made by the Staph bacterium, Mindy."

"Whatever," Mindy didn't really care which bug was the culprit. "Thanks for your help, Doc." She closed her eyes; she knew now that she would eventually rise again.

Foodborne disease affects several million Americans each year, and nearly 9000 die annu-

ally from the complications.

Several types of bacteria can invade the walls of the bowel after ingestion in food products that have been contaminated, inadequately refrigerated, or inadequately cooked.

The Staph bacterium produces a toxin that causes the typical symptoms of cramping abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. These bacteria can multiply when the food is not adequately cooled, especially in such items as mayonnaise, cream products, and pastries.

Treatment of Staph toxin ingestion includes fluid replacement and medications for the vomiting and diarrhea. Antibiotics do not help, since the symptoms are caused by the toxin and not by the bacteria themselves.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

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around the Glades area will gather for a day filled with sessions on topics from firearm safety to canal and water safety. Not every child in the Glades lives on a farm, but farming touches their lives in some way.

Palm Beach County Extension and Progressive Farmer Magazine have teamed up to present this fun-filled educational field day for the rural youth of Palm Beach County.

There is no registration fee and each child will receive a free smoke detector, tee-shirt, hat and lunch.

## Awards Convocation

The faculty and staff of Glades Central Community High School cordially invites you to their Honors & Awards Convocation on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Come out to join the Class of 2000 to receive a million-dollar scholarship.

If you have a scholarship you would like to present, please contact Ms. Yolanda D. Smith at work, 993-4462 or home, 996-0505 before Friday, May 29.

## Volunteers needed

The Area Agency on Aging's Foster Grandparent Program is seeking limited-income seniors to volunteer in Glades school classrooms 20 hours a week. Eligible seniors will receive a small stipend and transportation assistance.

For more information, please call 1-800-773-1895.

## Nurses Week Luncheon

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The veteran law enforcement officer said he wants to improve training for deputies, to insure that they display the proper attitude while on patrol, with special emphasis on serving the handicapped and disabled. He wants to enhance the programs designed to address the specific needs of the elderly as well as juvenile crime prevention.

"I spent 10 years in the juvenile division. I hate to use the misfortune of children in trouble as a political platform, but we're not doing enough in juvenile crime prevention."

"The department doesn't deal with runaways anymore, and running away is the beginning of the end for a lot of these kids," Mr. Mascaro said. "The cops and the courts don't consider running away a criminal act. Why wait for them to commit a crime? Parents beg us to help them with their kids. I want to work with the schools and the division of youth services and see if we can address some of these problems. You have 10, 11 and 12 year olds terrorizing their classmates. Maybe we can expand the Eagle Academy for create some program where we can put disruptive children before they reach the boot camp phase."

Mr. Mascaro noted that \$250,000 has been allocated for

a female detention facility in the Glades, which was scheduled to open in September. Construction has yet to begin on the facility and the boys facility has yet to receive air conditioning.

Mr. Mascaro said not only will he keep the Eagle Academy program going if elected, he would like to bring the DARE program back to Palm Beach County Schools and expand the PAL program (Police Athletic League) and other after school initiatives.

Mr. Mascaro said he would like to increase community policing and would reassign more officers to investigations. "In the south end of the county, there've been 19-20 cases of women being the victim of purse snatchings. They call the suspect the 'Rolex Bandit' because he always picks women wearing expensive jewelry."

Mr. Mascaro said the case has remained unsolved for two years and victims themselves have been handing out flyers describing the suspect, because the administration doesn't have enough detectives assigned to close more cases.

"We have victims doing police work. We used to have a bunch of robbery detectives. We have them now, because of reallocation. The administration reassigned those officers, put them in uniform so they could say they have more deputies on the

May 26 or until all spaces are filled.

Participants receive free lunch and t-shirts are available for an additional \$6. The hours of the camp are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refunds for fees and field trips must be requested 24 hours in advance. The camp is closed on July 4.

For further information call 992-5300.

## Play at Pahokee High

The Academy at Pahokee is performing an original production of "A Teenager is..." on Monday evening, May 15 at 7 p.m. and again on Thursday May 18 at 9 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the Pahokee Middle/Senior High School Auditorium.

This is a series of playlets that describe life from a teenager's point of view. Topics include teen pregnancy, peer pressure, self-esteem and much more. This will be the first dramatic performance ever at Pahokee High School.

Director is Debra Zebrowski and technical producers are Michael Conner and William Jones. The event is free.

For more information, call Ms. Zebrowski at 924-6494.

## WIFE to have booth at Sugar Festival

Women Involved in Farm Economics will be participating in Saturday's Sugar Festival by having a booth.

They will be selling homemade brownies topped with ice cream, chocolate syrup and whipping cream. They will also be holding a drawing on miniature children's tractors, includ-

ing a New Holland tractor donated by A & T New Holland, a John Deere 8300 Tractor, donated by Everglades Farm Equipment and a Case International, donated by Glade and Grove Supply.

The drawings will also include a chance to win an adult collectors miniature race car by Ward Burton, #22.

WIFE members invite everyone to stop by their booth at the Sugar Festival.

## School Improvement Plan

The public presentation of the School Improvement Plan for Area 4 schools will take place in the Glades on various dates at the schools.

The plan will be presented at Belle Glade Elementary on May 17 at 6 p.m. in the media center and at Glades Central High on May 18 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The plan will be given at Gove Elementary on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.

# MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

Steve Moore AutoNation of Belle Glade is OVERSTOCKED!  
We're running out of room!

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Leather, loaded!  
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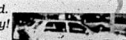
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Flareside V6, Auto, A/C, P. Windows & Locks, One Owner  
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White Diamond, Loaded! Luxury!  
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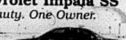
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7 Passenger, Leather, Loaded  
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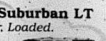
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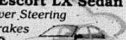
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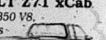
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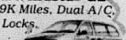
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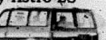
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One Owner, 39K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, Tilt, Cruise.  
\$13,999



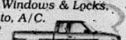
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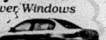
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# OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?



## The Sun

INVITES YOU TO  
**SPEAK OUT!**  
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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

### Not happy with coverage

"I'm an Hispanic woman living in the Glades and I'd like to know why, besides the one photo, was there not more coverage of the Elian protest in Belle Glade?"

I know everyone is probably getting tired of hearing about Elian, but we Latinos are part of this community also.  
Thank you."

**Editor's response:** We have a three person staff at *The Sun* newspaper. It is difficult to be everywhere. I went out and got a photo of the protest on Tuesday morning and it ran, in color, on the top of the April 27 issue. That week we had a two section, 16-page paper, which is just about all our small staff can handle. This is why we encourage the community to work with us and take pictures at their events and submit them with a write-up. Our readers are encouraged to call our Speak Out line if they would like to make comments about this, or any other issue concerning their newspaper. We don't mind being criticized if you feel we are not doing a good job and we will always respond. Thank you for Speaking Out.

### How did she get the job?

"I have a question for the person in charge of hiring for the water department at the City of Pahokee. How does a young, Hispanic woman, without a GED or a high school diploma get a job as a clerk there when having a high school education is a requirement?"

Also, how did she know about this job when it was not posted in the newspaper? As far as I'm concerned, it's supposed to be advertised in the newspaper and I'm a loyal reader of *The Sun* and I never once saw it posted in the paper.

I would just like some of these questions answered. Thank you."

**Editor's note:** We spoke with City Manager Ken Schenck who said this caller is incorrect. He said the job was advertised and did not require a high school education. He said the person hired is working on getting her G.E.D. "We hired her based on her experience and it was a plus that she is bilingual. She has been an excellent employee," said Mr. Schenck."

### No public hearing

"My child came home from school and told me the football field is going to be named after Dr. Grear. I would like to know, when was there a public hearing on this so the public could give their input on this?"

If this is a public, community high school, shouldn't the community have a say in this, or was this some shady deal made behind closed doors? My next question is, is today's Palm Beach Post, it said Mrs. Lidia Burch was an assistant to Mrs.

Grear. I thought she was just her secretary. Not to mention secretaries, because they do an important job, but when did she become an assistant? Thank you."

**Dr. Effie Grear responds:** "I am certain the writer of this article was not aware I knew nothing of this honor until several days prior to the meeting of the School Board. However, I deeply appreciate the fact that there are those who feel my efforts to get what equipment and other items connected with the stadium are there because of my efforts. Whatever group or groups of citizens who helped make this possible, please accept my expression of appreciation. Glades Central is, has been, and always will be in my heart, I love Glades Central, the staff and more than anything else, I love the students who are here or were here at some point in their lives."

As for the Lidia Burch title, Mrs. Burch is my secretary. That was a misprint in the paper. (They make mistakes, too.)

### Not happy with election results

"I'm very disappointed with the recent election in Pahokee. Mr. Davis, Mr. Wright, Mr. Carrick and Mrs. Zaccagnino should have won. Tuesday, May 2 was a sad day for the City of Pahokee."

**Ed. note:** This Speak Out was edited to delete personal negative comments about the winning candidates, while, hopefully, retaining the caller's message.

### Condolences to Pahokee

"As a former resident of Pahokee and still a resident of the Glades, I offer my condolences to the residents of Pahokee for electing candidates as they did. Wearing blinders is one thing, but not turning on your hearing aids is another. And, to those who did not get out and vote, I say, keep your mouth shut."

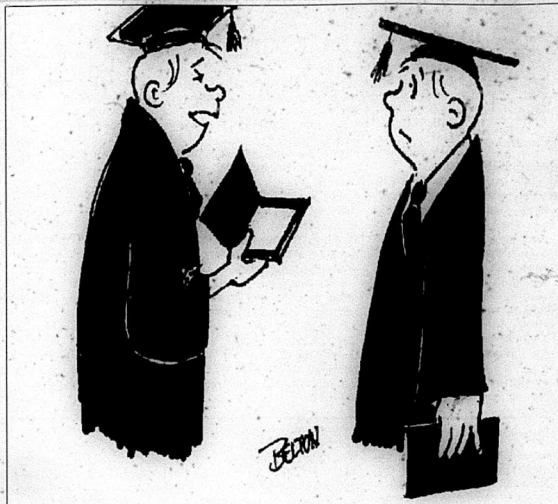
My best to those candidates who did not receive the percentage of votes to achieve their goal of working for Pahokee as an elected official.

A special "thank you" for all you have done and for facing the close-minded odds, which were apparently in this race.  
Thank you."

### Call of support

"I'm calling in support of the editor of *The Sun*. We just want you to know that we support you wholeheartedly and please, don't be intimidated by what people who call in want to be disruptive. You are an asset to this community and we are very proud of you. Would you please print this and let the people know that the citizens are behind you, 100 percent. Thank you and God bless."

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"ALL THE BLANKS THAT I DREW ON MY TESTS THROUGH SCHOOL SHOWED UP ON MY DIPLOMA ... IT'S BLANK TOO."

## Letters to the Editor

### Student wants cards, pictures, information

Dear Editor:

I am an eighth grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, California and my humanities class is planning a vacation for a class project. I would really, really appreciate you publishing my letter in your newspaper asking readers to send me postcards, pictures or

any other useful information about South Florida to help me with my project.

Dominique Candler

C/O Mrs. Katz

Washington Manor Middle School  
1170 Fargo Avenue  
San Leandro, CA 94579

## Guest Editorial

### May is Better Speech and Hearing Month

By Nichole Bailey, M.S. CCC-SLP,  
Speech-Language Pathologist,  
Rosenwald Elementary School, South Bay

Every day in Palm Beach County's schools, a group of highly educated, specially trained professionals make learning possible for the one in 10 students who have speech and language problems. May is Better Speech and Hearing Month, time to talk about the contributions of these professionals, Speech and Language Pathologists. Speech-Language Pathologists work in the schools with children who have articulation problems (saying "w" for "r," for example), fluency problems (such as stuttering), or voice problems (too nasal or too hoarse). They also work with children who have language problems. These children have trouble following instructions, making sense of written materials, and verbally expressing their thoughts and ideas.

May has been designated as Better Speech and Hearing Month at the national and local level. Back in 1927, a group of "speech correctionists" as they were called at the time, formed what would become the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. To increase public awareness of communication disorders, they dedicated the month they thought best symbolized the new life that speech treatment could give to someone who had a problem - sunny May. Throughout Palm Beach County Schools, Speech-Language Pathologists and other professionals who work with people who have communication challenges remember that May is the time to tell the public how to identify, prevent, and treat speech, language, and hearing impairments.

Language skills are the basic building blocks we use to construct satisfying school, social, and work lives. No matter who you are or what you do, you need to communicate effectively. Communication is the heart and soul of human existence. Our ability to communicate lets us

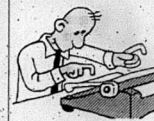
build relationships and learn from others. It is a two way street. We take information in (receptive communication) and we express our own thoughts (expressive communication). Good communication skills are essential for children to succeed in school. Many children with treatable hearing, speech, and language disorders are never properly diagnosed. Often, children whose speech and language disorders are not treated are mislabeled, "inattentive," "disruptive," or "learning-disabled."

Children who do not communicate at an age-appropriate level should be evaluated by a qualified professional. Speech-Language Pathologists from Palm Beach County Schools advise parents to take time this May, Better Speech and Hearing Month, to assess their children's speech and language abilities.

Rosenwald Elementary School has decided to celebrate the month by having "Parent Therapy Day." During the month, parents are invited to the school to learn about what takes place in Speech and Language Therapy and how they can help their child achieve speech and language success. Free materials and literature will be handed out. In addition, students who participate in the Speech and Language Impaired program will read a daily public service announcement on R.E.S. TV, the school's television station. The students have also taken pride by decorating the therapy room door with pictures and descriptions of the goals they work on during sessions. Throughout, Better Speech and Hearing Month, Rosenwald's Speech-Language Pathologist will remind students, teachers, parents, and staff to protect and appreciate their ability to communicate.

For more information on better speech and hearing, call your local school Speech-Language Pathologist or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 1-800-638-8255.

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The Sun

417 N.W. 16th Street #6, Belle Glade, FL 33430

## The Sun

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**Speak Out/From Pg. 1****Elian deserves freedom**

"I'm calling about the section called Opinions in Speak Out. I read an article in *The Big Lake Sunday News* dated Sunday, April 30. It was the opinions of some people in reference to Elian Gonzalez.

I think it's just terrible how some people can give such an opinion as agreeing with what Janet Reno did and being on the side of the father of Elian.

A lot of people are not aware of the situation and they don't know what it's like living in a communist country where there is no freedom.

In this country, the U.S., where there is so much freedom there are people here who are all for communism and they agree with the communist party.

I really disagree totally with the action that was taken with this child. I feel very sorry for him and his family in Miami who really love him and cared for him and are struggling to regain him again.

I just wish them the best of luck and I hope and pray to God that he will get returned back to his family in Miami because I think he deserves that. His mother gave her life at sea just to bring him to a free country.

A lot of people in this country don't realize how lucky we are to live in a free country.

Thank you.

**No to four year terms**

"I would like to thank Mr. Weeks and Mr. Mathis for voting no to the four year commission terms. I would also like to thank the other three commissioners, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilkerson and Mr. Wilson for voting yes. This tells us where you stand and we know this is your pet project.

But, come September, I'm sure the people will decide two years is



Wise Recycling on West Canal Street, Belle Glade, recently held a "Big Load Contest" and offered cash prizes. Perry Smith of Pahokee (shown on left) was the first place winner in the contest and was presented a check for \$200 by Mike O'Conner, metal buyer for Wise Recycling. Second place winner was Loretto Sanchez of Belle Glade, who won \$100 and Jeff Alejandro of Pahokee won \$50. Mr. O'Conner said he appreciates the community's business and invites everyone to come by. They are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

plenty. Every citizen in Belle Glade should vote no to that power play by the mayor.

Please print, and mayor, please respond."

**Pathetic**

"Year after year I hear the citizens of Pahokee complain and gripe about city commissioners and they say they are not doing their job and they need a change.

I hear this year after year. However, you've had your chance but you keep putting the same people in, year after year after year.

So, I think in your honor, they should rename the City of Pahokee and change the name to Pathetic, because it's pathetic. People, it's your fault."

**Term limits**

"I'm calling concerning the proposed change in the term limits for

the city commissioners. I just wanted to put my two cents in.

I think the new term limit would not be good. I understand the point that if they're in office for four years they've done their job and they may know how to do the job and they may know how to do it better. However, if they are not doing a good job, it's going to take longer to get the person out.

If the person is doing a good job, after two years, knows the job and the people are happy with the person, then more than likely, that person is going to be re-elected.

If the person is not, then they don't need to be there for two more years.

So, I don't support the four years, I support the two, and then you can look at the person and see what they've done and if they need to be there longer.

Thank you."

**Cameras catch Miami tornado on film**

Mike Lyons

The right place at the right time. Professional storm chasers tell me being in the right place at the right time is their primary goal when they are traveling through the back roads of Oklahoma or Texas in pursuit of a tornado.

It is all about timing. And, in the case of storm chasers, it is all about perfect timing.

Ninety-nine percent of the time these tornado researchers never come close to a tornado. Most of their day is spent scanning the skies, watching their Doppler radars and hoping the next turn in the road leads to the most violent and unpredictable storm on earth—a tornado.

Yet sometimes it's the tornado that's doing the chasing. Such was the case of May 12, 1997, when a tornado moved through downtown Miami.

It was a remarkable sight. Here was a tornado, later determined by the Miami National Weather Service to have winds between 100 and 110 mph, meandering through the skyscrapers of downtown Miami!

Most of us will never see a tornado, but thousands of people witnessed the Miami twister. It formed around 2 P.M., just as many people were returning from lunch.

Many of those folks took photographs of the twister, making the Miami tornado one of the most documented twisters in recorded history.

Still, one camera captured the entire event. It was, in the words of the storm chasers, in the right place at the right time. If storm chasing is all about timing, this camera and its operator had perfect timing.

High atop a bank building in downtown Miami, this television "towercam" just happened to be pointed in the right direction and it just happened to be recording on video tape just as the Miami tornado formed.

It is one of the most remarkable video images I have ever seen. Even today, three years after the event, and after watching it dozens of times, I am still struck with awe as the funnel drops from the cloud, touches the ground and moves through Miami.

I've never been an eyewitness

to a tornado but, after watching the Miami tornado on tape, I think I know how a storm chaser feels when a tornado drops from the sky. The exhilaration at witnessing one of Nature's most powerful products must be overwhelming and, while nothing can compare to the real thing, the Miami videotape comes close.

Seeing a tornado is one thing but actually experiencing it is something else. The folks in downtown Miami were amazingly lucky on May 12, 1997. No one was killed and only a dozen minor injuries were reported.

The tornado did produce extensive damage to an apartment and some houses in Little Havana, as well as damaging cars and blowing out office windows. Total damage was estimated at just over \$500,000. Obviously, it could have been much worse.

For a long time, people would ask me why a tornado never struck a major city, why twisters seemed to always pick on mobile home parks. In recent years, major cities have been hit by tornadoes—Miami in 1997, Salt Lake City and Oklahoma City in 1999 and Ft. Worth, Texas earlier this year.

Like the storm chasers say, it is all about timing.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

**Arrest Blotters**

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**BELLE GLADE**

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 571 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of May 1-7.

Those arrested included:

**May 1 - Brian Morgan, 22**, obstruction by a disguised person; **Cedric Harden, 24**, burglary while armed, grand theft, failure to appear on battery charges and possession of burglary tools; **Willie James Wiggins, 46**, domestic battery; **Gary Fashaw, 34**, grand theft auto.

**May 2 - Freddie Lee Taylor, 33**, failure to appear on traffic citation; **Juvenile, 16**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Michael Steward, 26**, domestic battery; **Carlton Hammond, 18**, four counts of failure to appear on traffic citations; **Quis Lavar Icon, 20**, failure to appear on charges of trespassing; **Terrance Oliver, 22**, warrants for robbery and petty theft.

**May 3 - Lamar Campbell, 20**, uttering a forgery, grand theft, failure to appear on a traffic citation, possession of cocaine and resisting an officer without violence; **Herman Thomas, 28**, aggravated domestic stalking; **Melvin Davis, 30**, retail theft; **Jerry Jefferson, 38**, loitering and prowling and resisting an officer without violence.

**May 4 - Paul Milner III, 20**, domestic battery; **Nicole Brown, 19**, occupied arson; **Juvenile, 17**, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and felony criminal mischief; **Juvenile, 17**, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; **Sikina Brinkley, 21**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Juvenile, 17**, throwing a deadly missile and warrant for grand theft.

**May 5 - No arrests made.**  
**May 6 - Theandisa Jordan, 26**, two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Kienaskia Workman, 27**, gambling; **Arnold Miller, 18**, failure to appear on charges of driving without a driver's license; **Emanuel Dixon, 46**, felony retail theft; **Rashon Brown, 20**, grand theft of a motor vehicle; **Octavious Boutie, 18**, trespassing in a conveyance; **Davara Everett, 21**, trespassing in a conveyance; **Sylvester Hicks, 19**, trespassing in a conveyance.

**May 7 - Antonio Reynoso, 21**, aggravated assault with a firearm; **Jacob Renee, 22**, battery; **Juvenile, 14**, grand theft; **Lisa McCants, 33**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Cornelius Jones, 23**, violation of probation; **Hattie McNeal, 33**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Juvenile, 11**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

**PAHOKEE**

The Pahokee Police Department handled 217 calls, issued 13 traffic citations and made 11 arrests the week of May 1-7.

Those arrested included:

**May 1 - Albert Johnson, 47**, warrant for fail-

ure to appear on court.

**May 2 - Willie Harvey, 36**, burglary of a residence and dealing in stolen property; **Eloy Vega, 33**, violation of the open container law; **Jose Mendoza, 30**, violation of the open container law.

**May 3 - No arrests made.**

**May 4 - Robert Starks, 37**, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest without violence and failure to appear in court for retail theft; **Juvenile, 14**, felony battery; **Joseph Holmes, 42**, simple battery; **George Baker Jr., 44**, possession of drug paraphernalia.

**May 5 - James Smith, 63**, possession of cocaine and possession of a stolen tag.

**May 6 - Stanley Dorsey, 31**, warrant for contempt of court.

**May 7 - No arrests made.**

**SOUTH BAY**

The South Bay Police Department made 13 arrests the week of April 30-May 6.

Those arrested included:

**April 30 - Demaster Brown, 25**, warrant for violation of probation.

**May 1 - Corey O. Porter, 30**, warrant for violation of probation; **Stacey T. Cox, 30**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Marcelina Reyes, 18**, possession of a harmful chemical; **Juvenile, 16**, possession of a harmful chemical; **Laura Lester, 52**, violation of the county leash law; **Hazel Epps, 69**, violation of the county leash law; **Shara Brown, 18**, criminal mischief.

**May 2 - No arrests made.**

**May 3 - Tommie Lee Felder, 40**, warrant for violation of conditional release; **Tony L. Kinsler, 43**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

**May 4 - James E. Demps, 20**, warrant arrest for failure to appear for arraignment.

**May 5 - No arrests made.**

**May 6 - Carlton Henderson, 24**, aggravated battery.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 4 arrests the week of May 3-8.

Those arrested included:

**May 3 - Jessie Bernard Dunaway, 30**, Pahokee, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Jose F. Saucedo, 28**, Canal Point, domestic battery.

**May 4 - Juvenile, 14**, Pahokee, felony battery.

**May 5 - No arrests made.**

**May 6 - Mathias R. Davis, 41**, Pahokee, warrant for child abuse.

**May 7 - Juvenile, 17**, Tampa, escape, throwing deadly missile, grand theft, burglary vehicle.

**May 8 - No arrests made.**



Timothy Whisper

**CRIME STOPPERS**

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Timothy Whisper, who is wanted for armed robbery with a firearm, grand theft and attempted first degree murder.

Whisper is a black male, 5'10" tall, and weighs 165 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is May 18, 1978. He has tattoos on his right and left arms.

His last known address was 1149 SW First Avenue, Belle Glade.

His last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of May 2, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Timothy Whisper or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

**A Word of Thanks...**

To all of the voters of Pahokee who placed their confidence in me by their decision to make me a member of the Pahokee City Commission. And to all of my friends who worked so hard on my campaign, *Thank You!* I want you all to know that I am truly happy and honored to be given this opportunity. If you did not vote for me, you are still my constituent and your voice will also be heard. I have been elected to serve all of the citizens of Pahokee and I intend to fulfill that responsibility. Together, we will make a difference!

*Very Sincerely,*  
**Hugh H. Branch**



# 1998 County and Municipal Offense Data

## Florida Department of Law Enforcement

| Pop.        | Crime index | % change | murder | rape | robbery | agg. asslt. | burglary | larceny | m. v. theft | % rate change | % disclosed |
|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Palm Beach  | 7,001       | 407      | -1.21  | 0    | 18      | 26          | 141      | 173     | 49          | -1.47         | 21.87       |
| Belle Glade | 16,177      | 2,364    | 13.90  | 1    | 9       | 143         | 357      | 574     | 1,106       | 14.21         | 13.41       |
| South Bay   | 3,334       | 234      | -17.31 | 0    | 2       | 10          | 49       | 53      | 110         | 10            | -16.62      |

### Clean up/From Page 1

public. It's not okay to throw down your chip bag when you're finished."

The chief has redesigned citations, so that officers can issue warnings for code enforcement violations, traffic violations, littering and other crimes. Those citations can then be tracked and when violations aren't corrected or the same individual is a repeat offender, then the department can prosecute. The chief has proposed to the state's attorney's office that violators should be sentenced to perform community service in the area where the violation occurred, thus serving as a deterrent.

"The City of South Bay never had a code enforcement department. The city manager and I sat down and created a department, which is in its infancy, but it will be vital to the future of the city. With the citations, officers will be able to provide leads to code enforcement. We may even cross-train officers in enforcement," the chief said.

"The second phase of the project will include painting garbage cans and locating them throughout the revamped neighborhoods, soliciting community involvement and branching out to other areas of the city. The third phase involves analyzing the project and its effect on crime in the targeted neighborhoods.

The goal of the beefed up patrols, the emphasis on community policing, is to create an environment that is pedestrian friendly, where people feel free to use neighborhood parks, to walk to the store without fearing they will become a victim of crime.

"It's perception—people will feel safe to walk around if the neighborhood is clean and the drinkers and drug dealers aren't standing on the corner," the chief explained.

The street-cleaning detail is only the latest of a number of changes Chief Jones has instituted at the department since he became Chief in 1997. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office began dispatching calls for the South Bay Police Department when he took over, and the department has evolved into a public safety department, with 8 of 14 officers dually certified as police officers and fire fighters.

The chief said both changes were prompted by economics.

"When I came here, they had lost over 110 officers over the previous 12 years, an average of nine officers a year. It was twice that number of dispatchers. That's like a new department every year. The depart-

ment was nothing but a training ground for other departments," Chief Jones said, adding that the change has made it possible to retain more officers and has improved service to the community.

"When I came here the fire department had a \$200,000 budget for services, salaries and equipment. They had about 60 total calls for service a year, which averages out to about five calls a month. They had one fireman on duty at a time, three full time firefighters, at that cost, and there's very little that one fireman can do to extinguish a fire. Now we have eight full-time firemen, seven of whom happen to perform police services. Two are on duty full time as firemen, and the rest, if they're not fully certified are volunteer certified," the chief said.

Dual certification not only makes it possible to continue the officers' training while they're on duty, it enables the department to pay a little more and stop the revolving door. It has also enabled the department to lower the city's insurance services rating, which results in direct savings both to the city and individual citizens.

"For the first time in anyone's memory, we're in a position to provide mutual aid—like with Okeelanta—instead of always being the recipient of mutual aid," the chief said.

The shift has improved the officers' pride in their work and the morale in the department and he is able to recruit and retain better officers. Five of the department's 14 officers have been with the department for three years, three are at two years and three others have a year of service in the Chief is reviewing retirement benefits and salary scales, awards incentives and other measures to continue to address retention.

"If you look at the larger agencies, almost all of their officers have come through the Glades," the chief said. To address the problem, which is shared by all of the smaller law enforcement agencies around the lake, as well as rural departments nationwide, the chief has written an initiative, The Rural Policing Initiative, which is currently being shopped around in Washington, D.C.

The chief said, under the 1994 crime bill, the federal government will give agencies grant money to hire new police officers—paying 75 percent of the officers' salary the first year, 50 percent the next; so that by the fourth year the agency is supposed to be able to finance the officer's salary in-

ternally or be in violation of the grant. The chief proposes that the government give the agencies the same amount of money, but without the strings.

The new measures the Chief has implemented since taking over the department appear to be working—overall, Chief Jones said, crime is down and the department's clearance rate is high.

"Property crime is way down. We've had 30 days when we've not had property crimes of any kind. We try to solve every case. We get directly involved with the State's Attorney's Office, and they have a very good working relationship with us. We won't take a simple plea bargain. We'd rather go to trial than have the person get a pat on the wrist. We want offenders to go to jail or to prison," Chief Jones said, explaining that arresting and prosecuting the bad guys as well as taking an aggressive approach to patrols has contributed to the decline in robberies, burglaries and other property crimes.

The Chief said the department is working closely with the TIPS program to address truancy problems, because juveniles when out of school contribute to the burglary problem and other crimes.

If you look at the "smash and grab" or thefts from vehicles, the chief said, the majority of those involve teens robbing other teens of stereo sound systems or fancy rims. Teens are also largely responsible for vehicle thefts in the Glades, which are primarily cases of cars being stolen to "joy ride" to the coast, or stolen on the coast and dumped in the Glades after the return trip. "We have a high recovery rate for stolen vehicles. They're stolen either to take the stereo equipment out or to joy ride. Other than that, you'll find the vehicle intact," the chief said.

The community policing officer meets each month with residents to discuss what they believe are the biggest crime problems in South Bay.

"Drugs are a big problem everywhere. But something most people don't think about, because it's more socially acceptable, is alcohol. When you look at the amount of alcohol sales, you realize that a contributing problem to a lot of our problems here in the Glades is alcohol. Most people don't look at it as a problem, but we didn't clean up 500 pop bottles in that lot," Chief Jones said.

Alcohol, drugs and financial problems are a contributing factor to domestic violence, which accounts for a large number of the aggravated as-

## South Bay Public Safety Department

### Uniform Crime Report

| Offense Classification       | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Burglary, forcible entry     | 30   | 42   | 44   | 88   |
| Burglary, unlawful entry     | 11   | 9    | 38   | 36   |
| Burglary, attempted          | 1    | 2    | 4    | 7    |
| Burglary, residence          | 28   | 34   | 60   | 97   |
| Burglary, non residence      | 14   | 19   | 26   | 34   |
| Larceny, pocket-picking      | 1    | 7    | 0    | 0    |
| Purse snatching              | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    |
| Shoplifting                  | 7    | 6    | 17   | 4    |
| From Motor vehicle           | 35   | 31   | 35   | 49   |
| Motor vehicle                | 9    | 18   | 3    | 8    |
| Bicycles                     | 12   | 9    | 12   | 17   |
| From building                | 8    | 12   | 31   | 22   |
| From Coin Op. device         | 0    | 0    | 2    | 2    |
| All other larceny            | 32   | 26   | 22   | 29   |
| Motor Vehicle Theft, auto    | 3    | 7    | 14   | 8    |
| Trucks & buses               | 1    | 2    | 5    | 3    |
| Motorcycles                  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Other vehicles               | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| Total nonviolent             | 156  | 173  | 227  | 276  |
| Criminal homicide            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Manasslaughter               | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Forcible rape                | 3    | 2    | 4    | 6    |
| Forcible rape attempted      | 1    | 0    | 2    | 0    |
| Forcible sodomy              | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Forcible Fondling            | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Robbery, Highway             | 3    | 4    | 0    | 1    |
| Robbery, commercial other    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Robbery, gas service station | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    |
| Robbery convenience          | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| Robbery, residence           | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Robbery, bank                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Robbery, miscellaneous       | 3    | 2    | 7    | 4    |
| Aggravated assault           | 76   | 49   | 38   | 39   |
| Aggravated stalking          | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Total Violent                | 87   | 61   | 56   | 53   |
| Total offenses               | 243  | 234  | 283  | 329  |

saults that the department handles each year.

"We have a zero tolerance policy for domestic violence. Ten years ago, it was considered a family matter. Now, under the new statutes, we prosecute," Chief Jones said, noting, he doesn't believe there has necessarily been an increase in domestic violence, but attributes the rise in aggravated assaults to better reporting, a more accurate system of tracking the incidents and not playing with numbers. While the percentage may be high, he notes, the actual numbers are low, when calculated against the population, or compared to the rates of neighboring communities.

"Crime prevention is hard to measure. When you ask what prevented a crime—was it the police car rolling around, the alarm sign in the window—you can't prove a negative."

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# Sports this week

## Registration for football open in Pahokee May 13, 20, 27 and June 3

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They will offer full contact tackle football following high school rules for ages 8-15. Eighty positions are available in Prep (ages 8,9,10, 90 lbs.); Jr. Varsity (ages 9,10,11, 105 lbs.); Varsity (ages 10, 11, 12, 120 lbs.); Semi-Pro (ages 11, 12, 13, 135 lbs.); and Pro (Ages 12, 13,

14, 15, 140-160 lbs.). All participants registering during this dates must present a copy of their official birth certificate. Registration fee is \$75.

The teams will play jamboree and full schedule football with five community conference, play-offs and bowl games.

The cheerleading program offers 30 positions in three divisions. Registration fee is \$60.

The League will also sponsor awards and trophies and host an annual barbecue banquet.

For more information phone Ron Osborne, City of Pahokee, at 924-2974.



Pahokee High School 2000 Powerlifting Team includes, front row, from left, Coach Doug Crolle, Yolanda Quinn, Gary Miller, Delton Fray; second row, Erik Singleton, Javorous Thompson, assistant Kevin Harris; third row, Meshack Harris, Bruce Dach Beauvais; fourth row, John Nelson, Shaheed Foster, Jaworski Bouie, and Jessie Catis; back row, Edward Turner and y Sinsnet. Not pictured Daniel Garcia, Pastor Damin, Lukie Pusey and Chris Walker.

## Three from Pahokee win national powerlifting championships

Whirls members of the Pahokee lifting team combined members of the Santaluces lifting team as "Team and traveled to the High School Powerlifting Championships in Dallas.

Pahokee teens returned onal Champions: Meshack Harris came in place and was named al Champion in the 280 weight class. Meshack 400 pound bench press, and deadlift and a 450 quat.

Javorous Thompson earned ace and the National ionship in the 155 lb. class.

Yolanda Quinn, the only girl kee's powerlifting team, a national championship ve and was a member of ational Championship un.

From all over the counted, and the boys team d up in sixth place. ki Power took eighth the very competitive 187 s. Gary Miller came in place in the 128 lb. class an American record in d with a lift of 404 lbs.

Doug Croll said he is ud of his team, which been in existence for rs.

Croll, a body builder, ghtlifter himself, said he the Pahokee team last t the urging of the uces coaches.

year we went to the

Santaluces Invitational, which is the biggest powerlifting meet in South Florida. We had eight members on the team-you have to have eight members to compete-and we won. It was a real Cinderella story," Coach Croll said.

The team made it's first trip to the National Championships in Texas their inaugural year and did remarkably well, the coach said.

"Gary Miller was a national champion last year. Meshack Harris was fourth last year and is a national champion this year. Jaworski is one of the hardest working kids in the class and Yolanda is the only girl we've ever had-and she's not lost yet," the coach said, explaining how the five were selected from the 12 member team to make the trip to Dallas.

Coach Croll said powerlifting is a fast growing sport across the country.

"It used to be it was part of the weight lifting program to get football players in shape for the season," the coach said. "Now it's becoming a sport in its own right, and the perception has changed. Part of the attraction, the coach said, is because it's a new sport. It is also an individual sport, in which team members are always working to improve their own individual performance.

Powerlifting, the coach explained, is comprised of three different lifts: the bench press, squat and dead lift. In competition during the season, which



Five members of the Pahokee High School powerlifting team participated in the national championships. Pictured are front row from left, Javorous Thompson, Yolanda Quinn and Gary Miller. Back row, from left, Jaworski Bouie and Coach Doug Croll.

runs from January through April, each competitor gets three attempts at each lift, and the highest weight from each event is added together for a final total score.

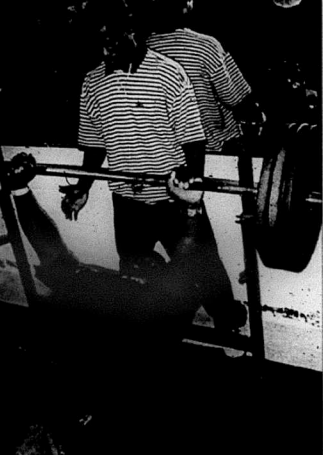
Team members compete in different weight classes, as in wrestling, the coach explained, with each 20 lbs. difference in

body weight comprising a different weight class.

Unlike body building, in which the focus is on lots of repetitions and sets, to build muscle mass and definition in certain body areas, powerlifters "don't care how the body looks. It's how much you can lift," the coach explained.



Yolanda Quinn can deadlift as much as boys in the 145 lb. class.



Meshack Harris was named National Champion in the 280 weight class with a 400 pound bench press.

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*Thank You!*  
**Roy Singleton**  
Mayor Elect, City of Pahokee





Hugh and Mary Ann Tyndall

## Hugh F. Tyndall named GCI Chaplain of the Year

Glades Correctional Institution, awarded Hugh F. Tyndall, Chaplain of the Year on April 12. The plaque was presented by Doris Miller, Senior Chaplain of GCI. However, it did not stop there for this energetic, retired Glades Central teacher. He was also awarded Florida's Region IV Volunteer of the Year April 13 in Tallahassee by Michael W. Moore, secretary, of the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Tyndall has been involved in Chaplaincy Services at G.C.I. since 1988. He began his pastoral visits in 1988 while serving as the chaplain for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Belle Glade. This led to a 40-hour training class to become a certified, volunteer chaplain, and therefore, become able to participate more fully in Chaplaincy duties.

As a volunteer chaplain, Mr. Tyndall has helped in crisis counseling, marriage counseling, death furlough requests, confinement visits, pre-release counseling, religious counseling, escorting visitors to chapel, obtaining special toys and gifts for inmates during Christmas and gift distribution and

arranging emergency phone calls to families. These activities are in addition to the routine chapel operations of opening and locking the doors for chapel activities, picking up and delivering materials around the compound, supervising religious groups and their activities, arranging for answering phones and performing other activities as needed.

Without volunteer chaplains, many of these services would be hampered. Mr. Tyndall says that his main motivation for his volunteer work comes from the scriptures, Matthew 25:35, 36: "For I was an hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me;" and also Matthew 2:17.

Mr. Tyndall worked as a teacher for 42 years. He taught industrial arts, most recently at Glades Central. He is married to Mary Ann Tyndall who worked as a teacher assistant at Gove Elementary until her retirement. Mrs. Tyndall also volunteers and serves as a chapel clerk.

## Celebration Singers to perform at Miracle Temple May 13

The Celebration Singers will perform at Miracle Temple, 104 SW 16th St. (SR 715) in Belle Glade, Saturday May 13 at 7 p.m. The Celebration Singers were formed almost 20 years ago in Vero Beach, leading praise and worship services at their church.

The group now consists of Emma Polly of Vero Beach, Mary Lanier of Okeechobee and Carol Peaden of Pahokee.

"Emma is one of the original members of the group and her goal is to reach as many people as they can. Mary Lanier has been singing in church, nursing homes and jails since age 16. She joined the group in 1987. Carol Peaden began singing in a group with her aunt in 1988. She joined the



The Celebration Singers Celebration Singers in 1999 following her aunt's death. She has performed on television with the Kingmen, the Hemphills and others.

## Stetson University honors Dolly and Homer Hand

Stetson University announced Dolly and Homer Hand as this year's recipients of The Doyle E. Carlton Award, at the Gala performance on April 15. The Hands, of Belle Glade, were honored for their dedication to Christian higher education and for their extraordinary contributions to the life and development of Stetson University, the city of Deland and the state of Florida.

"The Hands have been the driving force behind several projects at Stetson, from faculty endowments to student scholarships," said David Rinker, chairman of Stetson's Board of Trustees, upon presenting Stetson's most prestigious award. "Their support and dedication makes a real difference in the lives of our students."

The Hands own and operate Hand Enterprises, a management company for their land holdings. In addition to their civic leadership and philanthropic endeavors in Palm Beach County, they have established several programs at Stetson. The Hands endowed the Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Research to

recognize Stetson faculty members who engage in significant research in their fields of expertise. They also have established The Hand Faculty Development Program to fund faculty grants for professional development projects and for course enhancement. The Hands also support the University's Challenge Gift Scholarship Program and have established a second endowment fund for special projects.

A 1949 graduate of Stetson's College of Law, Dolly Hand was the only woman in her class and the youngest student to complete the program. She has remained actively involved with Stetson and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees.

Florida's first private university, Stetson University ranks third among the South's top regional universities in U.S. News and World Report's 2000 special edition, "America's Best Colleges." It is a comprehensive university committed to undergraduate teaching. Stetson also emphasizes faculty-student research and has distinctive graduate programs in law, busi-



Dr. Doug Lee and Dr. David Rinker honor Dolly Hand with the Doyle E. Carlton Award at Stetson University's Gala debut April 15.

ness, music and education that offer students many opportunities beyond graduation. Stetson University has locations in Deland, Celebration and St. Petersburg.

## Angels' of Hope Luncheon a success

Hope House of the Palm Beaches eighth annual Angels of Hope Luncheon committee met one last time Monday, April 10 at the Galaxy Grille to celebrate the great success of the event.

Hope House is Palm Beach County's only minority run agency whose principal mission is to provide housing and support services to children and adults who are infected or affected with HIV/AIDS. Hope House keeps families together at a time critical for their well being.

Committee chairwoman Astrid

Von Hacke de Rodriguez and Co-Chairwomen Tanya Hodge and Ruth Ann Morrison welcomed Grand Benefactor Margaret Svete, and committee members Maria Cole, Margarita Abrishami, Anne Eskelinen, Yvonne Freund, Monika Erickson and Linda Duff. Also present were Maria Ornelaz, Phoenix Foundation, Dario Rodriguez who provided the jewels for the event and Charlotte Schiff-Jones and Nina Duval from Hylan Bookler Couture.

## Pitre receives scholarship to Johnson and Wales University

Marcus Pitre, son of Odie McClain and Margarita Pitre of Bryant, a 2000 graduate of Pahokee Middle Senior High School, will attend Johnson Wales University in the fall. He has received a \$2000 Presidential Scholarship, renewable for up to four years of full time study.



Marcus Pitre

## Piano students present annual spring recital at Jameson Hall

The piano students of Mrs. Janie Harville, Mrs. Karen Corbin and Mrs. Rebecca Watson presented their annual spring piano recital Tuesday, May 2 at Jameson Hall.

Students in the program were Danielle Edgecomb, Ryan McCarty, Erin McCarthy, Joy Wheelahan, Christopher Murray,

Alana Byrd, Vionni Brown, Khadija Fletcher, Kayle Collier, Sarah Shine, Kristah Rodriguez, Joyce Ribben, Amanda Orsenigo, Malory McKee, Patricia Priest, Michelle Priest, Zach Lutz, Amanda Prescott, Chady prescott, Kinsan Duff, Caleb Duff, Stephanie Kirchman, Sadie McKee and Haley McMillan.



Glades Central principal Dr. Effie Grear, right, and Moiro Konchellah were among the Glades residents to attend the Angels of Hope Fashion Show and luncheon. They are pictured with committee chairwoman Astrid Rodriguez.

## Look Who's 30!



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### Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Students of the Month for the month of April: **Pre-K:** David Thermidore and Terrance Mathis; **Kindergarten:** Erik Gallegos, Nur ryhad, Ezequiel Cerda, Jovante Claitt, Kayla Bishop, Kyle Bishop and Aaron Lewis. **First grade:** Sheldon Grant. **Second grade:** Jimmy Saint-Jean and Danielle Jones; **Third grade:** Jessica Baltazar, Miriam uitarilla, Armando Hurtado and Jennifer Walker; **Fourth grade:** Jessica Bryant, Jelisa O'Farrell, Allie elgado, Doris Crosby and Tamara Torres; **Fifth grade:** Elvira Hernandez, Scott Levins, Ryan Nichols, sasheneha Roker and Luke Woodham; **Sixth grade:** Courtney Wright, Sharief Abraham, Jennifer Desire id Joseph Samara. Again, congratulations.

### Walk-a-thon Winners

Congratulations to the following students for being the top fund-raisers during the recent Walk-thon. **Vanessa Saucedo** (\$247), **Courtney Owens** (\$60), **Erin McCarthy** (\$37), **Taylor Goggans** (\$30), **id Veronica Goggans** (\$30). The top winners received uniform vouchers compliments of Jay's ashion and were treated to an ice cream party. On behalf of the PTO, a special thanks to the stu-dents and their supporters.

### Sixth Annual Community Breakfast

An appreciation breakfast in honor of our school volunteers and business partners was held on Wednesday, May 3 in the Media Center. Volunteers and business partners were recognized for their commitment to education and for their support to the school and to the students of Gove Elementary. Certificates of appreciation and lapel pins were awarded to those who attended. Glades Gas was presented with a plaque as a token of our appreciation for all of their support and for being selected as Superintendent's Partners in Education. Again, we thank you for all that you do!

### Results of Art Show

Congratulations to Samuel Espiricueta for receiving "Honorable Mention" during the Sunfest Art show held in West Palm Beach.

### Young Authors' Celebration

The judging of the Young Authors' Celebration in the Glades is now complete and it is with great pride that we announce the winners from Gove Elementary: **First Grade:** Brittany Santos, Kaylin abarra; **Second Grade:** Vanessa Buenavista; **Fourth grade:** Jamie Olive and Amelia Gutierrez; **Fifth grade:** Tranquilla Golden and **Sixth grade:** Adriana Flores, Lucinda Adelson, Courtney ight, Angel Nunez and David Woodham. These new authors will be honored at the Young Authors' celebration to be held Saturday, May 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Glades Central High School auditorium. Their families and their teachers are invited to attend.

### Upcoming events

May 12: Spring vacation day  
May 17: Spring Awards program  
May 18: School Improvement Plan Presentation to the Community, 6:30 p.m.  
S.A.C. at 7 p.m.

### Belle Glade Elementary Pre-Registration is May 15-19

Belle Glade Elementary will hold their 2000-2001 pre-registration for all grades May 15-May 19 from 3-7 p.m. All students registered prior to Aug. 16 will be eligible for a special drawing. For more information, please phone 993-4490.



The Glades Central High School chorus participated in the North American Choral Festival May 4-7 in Virginia Beach, Va., and brought home a superior rating and the coveted "best performance ensemble" award at the Festival.

## Glades Central Chorus rates superior in national competition

"Superior," "Most Outstanding Choral Ensemble," The Glades Central High School chorus participated in the North American Choral Festival May 4-7 in Virginia Beach, Va., and continued their tradition of excellence. They brought home two trophies, a superior rating and the coveted "best performance ensemble" award at the Festival. Other participants were from high schools throughout the nation.

It took a sometimes-grueling 17 hours by bus to reach the event location—to go up from Belle Glade to Virginia Beach. But, aside from the need for restful sleep and a good stretch of their legs, the chorus members held energetic and harmonic practice sessions along the way. And their hard work was rewarded.

The chorus received near perfect scores from all judges in the areas of tone quality, intonation, technique, interpretation and program content. The judges

were college music professors from James Madison University, the University of Delaware, and University of Virginia. All judges commented that the program content was difficult; however, their strongest areas were tone quality, which includes the blend of their voices and technique, which includes accuracy, diction, rhythmic accuracy, precision and clarity.

"This was a tough repertoire," said Judge Dr. Peter McCarthy. "I'm really impressed with the beauty of their sound. This is a more mature sound than any high school chorus in my hometown." He encouraged the chorus to send their audition tape to the ACDA Southern Division, to be considered for featured performance at the upcoming convention.

"I was just thrilled at the beauty of their sound," commented Judge Dr. David Means, who awarded the chorus perfect scores of "10" in three of the five categories and mixed ratings of

"9" and "10" in the other two categories.

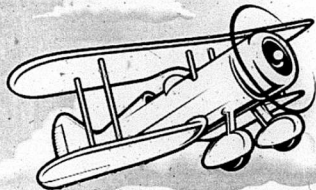
The awards program was held Saturday evening at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.

Chorus members performing were Erika Bass, Claressa Carroll, Candice Cox, RaShonda Davis, Lomeika Devose, Petergry Drummond, Johnnika Gayle, Felicia Hicks, Marie Jean, Derrick Johnson, Harold Johnson, Denesha Jones, Moiro Konchellah, Yeorie Lee, Deidre Mattis, Hernisha McCoy, Frank Millner, Kemesha Mitchell, Kimane Mitchell, Lisette Ramirez, Loveline St. Hilaire, Shawn Smith, Mary Walker, Roderick Wilkerson, and John Wilson. Chorus director is Mr. Zarak Lawson.

The chorus competed May 10 in the Florida Choral Festival and will appear in a special spring concert with the Glades Central Band, Sunday, May 14 in the Glades Central Auditorium.

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